

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): CIFRA et al.

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Examiner: Leslie A. ROYDS

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For: MODULATION OF ZINC LEVELS TO IMPROVE TISSUE PROPERTIES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2006. Applicants have petitioned herewith and authorized payment of the appropriate fee for a three month extension of time extending the date to respond to the Office Action from May 15, 2006 up to and including August 15, 2006. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.